

Lyndhurst, Ohio
February 5, 2024

The Council of The City of Lyndhurst held its Regular Meeting on Monday, February 5, 2024 at 7:34 P.M., Vice Mayor Stephen C. Grushetsky, presiding.

Members Present: Council Representatives J. A. Marko, L. A. Schlessel, D. A. Frey, C. A. LoPresti.

Others Present: P. A. Ward, Mayor;
J. P. Luskin, Director of Law;
R. J. Schmidlin, Assistant Director of Law;
C. Cianciolo, Executive Lieutenant of Police;
M. J. Carroll, Chief of Fire;
J. Maichle, Building Commissioner;
T. Fioritto, Director of Service;
K. L. Miller, Assistant Clerk of Council.

Absent: Council Representatives J. Price, J. A. Gambatese;
P. A. Rhode, Chief of Police;
M. A. Kovalchik, Director of Finance.

It was moved by Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. Schlessel, that the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, January 8, 2024, copies of which were distributed to all Members, be dispensed with, and said minutes stand approved as circulated.

The question was put to a voice vote and passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Ward aired that he along with Mr. Grushetsky and Mrs. Kovalchik completed department budget hearings; he noted the finance committee is meeting earlier than usual to approve the budget, which will allow bidding and projects to get started at a more aggressive timeline.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Grushetsky gave a reminder of the Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, February 12th beginning at 6pm.

PUBLIC LANDS & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE – Mr. Frey had no report.

ROADS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE – Chairperson Price was absent; therefore, a report was not given.

SERVICE & SEWERS COMMITTEE – Chairperson Price was absent; therefore, a report was not given.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Chairperson Gambatese did not submit a report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Schlessel stated the committee met earlier this evening to discuss solar panel regulations within the city; the minutes are forthcoming.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Council member Schlessel had no report.

SOUTH EUCLID LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION – A member from the Board of Education was not present to deliver a report.

Mr. Frey shared that he attended the State of the Schools presentation and wanted to share some of the great things going on in the district. He commented how some of this Council participated in the strategic planning process many years ago, noting that most of what was discussed and planned for back then has been completed including improving security, air conditioning, and window replacement throughout all of the schools. Mr. Frey mentioned there were favorable comments from residents stating how the buildings look years younger. He also shared that the district is going through an energy audit replacing lighting with LEDs and updating the controls on the HVAC system. He remarked how wonderful it is to see all that the Superintendent and School Board have committed to coming to fruition.

Mayor Ward added the district is completing major electrical upgrades at Brush High School to facilitate the installation of the air conditioning.

There were no requests for additions to the Agenda.

The floor was opened for public comment, with the following being heard:

Dan Kosareo, 1378 Croyden Road, expressed his concerns with the recent power outage, specifically his neighbors' power being restored several hours before his side of the street. He noted they regained power briefly when the others did around 6:30pm; however, the power browned out again. Mr. Kosareo believes there is still an underlying issue in his grid and would like it to be investigated. He has counted 9 power failures since last year.

Mayor Ward responded that he was not aware there were residents without power for an extended period of time, and he will follow up with First Energy.

Mr. Kosareo then spoke about the herds of deer going through his yard.

Mayor Ward suggested he could have a police officer come out and take a look at his property to participate in wildlife management.

Mayor Ward mentioned that resident Vicki Vance, who was present, is a new employee at the Community Center.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-05
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO IMPLEMENT
DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Resolution No. 2024-05 be placed on third reading for final adoption and that it be highlighted.

Roll Call: Yeas: Marko, Schlessel, Frey, LoPresti, Grushetsky.
Nays: None

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Resolution No. 2024-05 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Resolution No. 2024-05 be adopted.

Roll Call: Yeas: Marko, Schlessel, Frey, LoPresti, Grushetsky.
Nays: None

Motion carried.
Resolution No. 2024-05 is adopted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A
PERMANENT STORM SEWER EASEMENT FROM WILLARD AND BARBARA
DIVINCENZO ACROSS CUYAHOGA COUNTY PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 713-
01-003 IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT, REPAIR, MAINTAIN, INSPECT, AND
SURVEY SAID SEWERS AND APPURTENANCES**

It was moved by Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2024-06 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

Roll Call: Yeas: Marko, Schlessel, Frey, LoPresti, Grushetsky.
Nays: None

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2024-06 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 4 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Ordinance No. 2024-06 be passed.

Roll Call: Yeas: Marko, Schlessel, Frey, LoPresti, Grushetsky.
Nays: None

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2024-06 is passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-07
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO
ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2024
ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Mr. Marko, seconded by Mr. Frey, that rules set forth under Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances be suspended, that Ordinance No. 2024-07 be placed on third reading for final passage and that it be highlighted.

Roll Call: Yeas: Marko, Schlessel, Frey, LoPresti, Grushetsky.
Nays: None

Motion carried.
Rules Suspended.

Ordinance No. 2024-07 was highlighted by Ms. Miller, with section 3 being read in its entirety.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that Ordinance No. 2024-07 be passed.

Roll Call: Yeas: Marko, Schlessel, Frey, LoPresti, Grushetsky.
Nays: None

Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 2024-07 is passed.

It was moved by Mr. Schlessel, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that the meeting be adjourned.

The question was put to a voice vote and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

Approved: February 19, 2024

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Vice Mayor